

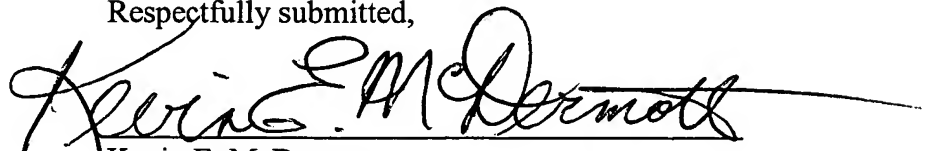
REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. The Examiner has found that the application contains two patentably distinct inventions and identified two groups of claims: Group I (claims 1-19), which is drawn to a laminated film and Group II (claim 21), which is drawn to a method for producing the film. The Applicants elect to prosecute the Group II claims (claims 20-29) in the present application, but reserve the right to prosecute unelected Group I claims (claims 1 and 19) in a divisional application.

In addition, the Applicants have amended elected claims 20-29 to more clearly define their invention and to place them in better form for examination.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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